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SKETCHES FROM LIFE --By Temple



"Aw, Nix! It's Gotta Be Swell!"

ACCA TEMPLE BAZAAR TO BE OPENED BY PARADE

Arab Patrol Will March With Brass Bands and Red Lights Through Streets To-Night.

Grace Street, from Adams to Ninth Street, and Broad Street, from Ninth to the Masonic Temple, will be ablaze with the glare of red lights and will resound with stirring marches to-night, when the Acca Temple Bazaar, accompanied by the nobles wearing the fez, parades in honor of the opening of the bazaar, which will be given at the Masonic Temple beginning to-night and continuing every afternoon and night this week. The parade will execute several special drills during the parade. To-day the finishing touches will be put on the twenty booths, which will fill the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. The sight will be an inspiring one. It will show what progressive Richmonders can do when they start out to make a display of articles manufactured and sold in Richmond, and how to display those articles so that each will be wanted by some one. The features of the Richmond booth will be demonstrations of the articles and the foods displayed. The doll booth, the several candy booths, the fancy work booth, the soft drink booth and the

restaurant, all will attract attention, while the general appearance of the large auditorium will be that of a bazaar. The parade will start at 7:30 o'clock as announced heretofore. The parade starts at 7:30 o'clock, and it will be the hall fully half an hour before the bazaar opens. An escort of mounted police will keep the line of march open. During the week the Boy Scouts will be conspicuous in rendering service to the bazaar and to patrons of the bazaar.

Charged With Breaking Into House. Frank Benjamin, colored, is being held at the Second Precinct Station on a warrant charging him with breaking into the house of Lillie Coble, 905 North Second Street, with intent to commit larceny. He was arrested by policemen Gairbairn and J. J. Smith, and will be arraigned in Police Court this morning.

Colored Elks Hold Memorial. Memorial services of Williams Lodge, No. 11, of the colored order of Elks, were held yesterday afternoon in the Third Street Methodist Church (colored). The principal address was rendered by Past Exalted Ruler David T. Paige, of Petersburg.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD HAS PLAN FOR UNEMPLOYED

Will Report to Finance Committee This Afternoon on Details of Jones Resolution.

FOURTEENTH STREET PLANS

Street Committee to Hear Report of City Attorney Pollard on Offer of E. S. Rose, and Associates—Committed to Fourteenth Street Route.

The Administrative Board will report to the Council Finance Committee this afternoon its plan for carrying into execution the Jones resolution appropriating \$125,000 for immediate expenditure in public works, designed to give work to the city's unemployed. The committee will meet at 8 o'clock this afternoon to hear the board's recommendations.

It was stated last night that the board has formulated an entirely practicable plan which will insure the expenditure of the appropriation in an economical manner, and at the same time, give immediate employment to several hundred men. The Jones resolution, which is before the Finance Committee for report, contemplates the employment of 700 men.

The committee on streets will meet at 8 o'clock this afternoon to receive the report of City Attorney Pollard on the proposal to widen Fourteenth Street, between Main and Cary Streets, in order to provide, with Fourteenth Street as widened under the recent agreement with the Southern Railway Company, an adequate approach to the Mayo Bridge.

The committee has definitely committed itself to the widening of Fourteenth Street, between Main and Cary, in accordance with a plan submitted by E. S. Rose and associates, and has directed the preparation of an ordinance carrying this end into effect. The immediate question to be decided is whether the city should undertake the improvement itself. In that event, paying to the originators of the plan a 5 per cent commission on the cost of the undertaking, or whether it should accept the offer of E. S. Rose and associates to widen the street for \$255,000, the city to aid the promoters by condemning certain Main Street properties needed for the opening of a new short street east of Fourteenth, between Main and Cary.

INVITES CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL LEAGUES

Civic Organizations in Every County Urged to Join in War on Tuberculosis.

J. H. Binford, executive secretary of the Co-operative Education Association, and of the State Principals' Association, yesterday issued to the members of the 700 school and civic leagues of Virginia, which are now at work in every county of the State, a letter commending to them the Red Cross Christmas seal, on sale by the Virginia Anti-tuberculosis Association. He writes: "I think that the greatest benefit coming from the sale of Christmas Red Cross seals in a community is that it tends to impress upon the people of that community the necessity of fighting tuberculosis."

"I wish that every league might help in this fine work. I suggest that each league appoint a committee of three to sell seals." Commenting on Mr. Binford's letter, an officer of the Anti-tuberculosis Association, stated that no more valuable suggestion would ever be made to the leagues, and that no greater opportunity for good work would ever fall to their share.

There are, according to the State Association, few active local tuberculosis committees in the State. Tuberculosis is not a problem of a few cities or a few isolated districts—it is a problem of every community in every county throughout the State. The State Board of Health has recently called attention to the fact that the death rate from tuberculosis per 100,000 in Virginia is 18.6, while the death rate for the whole United States is only 14.5. Under these conditions the aid of such organizations as local school and civic leagues is declared to be most welcome and most highly valued by the Virginia Anti-tuberculosis Association.

Sharp Decline in Earnings. Estimated earnings of the Southern Railway system for the fourth week in November, were for the month of November, \$1,455,352, last year \$1,791,283, decrease of \$335,931.

Arrested on Wife-Beating Charge. R. L. Shelton, 829 Haynes Avenue, was yesterday arrested on a warrant charging him with being drunk and disorderly at the above address and with assaulting, beating and choking his wife, Emma Washie and Lela, arrested the man who will be arraigned before Justice Hutchins to-day.

Peddling Without License. James Graves and John Pierce, both colored, will be arraigned in the Police Court to-day on charges of peddling fish and game about the streets without a license. They were arrested by policemen J. J. Smith and Gairbairn.

EDUCATORS OF NATION MEET HERE THIS WEEK

Vocational Guidance Association Opens Its Fourth Annual Conference To-Night.

DISTINGUISHED MEN COMING

Society for Promotion of Industrial Education Opens Its Eighth Convention at Jefferson Auditorium on Wednesday—Gompers to Speak.

Educators and economic experts of national reputation will be delegates to the fourth annual conference of the National Vocational Guidance Association, which will be held in this city to-night, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the eighth annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, which will begin on Wednesday afternoon, and continue the remainder of the week. Alvin E. Doid, of New York, business manager of the national society, came to Richmond Saturday, and convention headquarters for both conferences have been established at the Jefferson Hotel. The National Vocational Guidance Association, which has been fostered for the past three years by the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, will this year hold its conference as a separate institution. The first meeting of the National Vocational Guidance Association will remain until the close of the meeting of the parent organization.

The opening session of the meeting of the National Vocational Guidance Association will be held at 8 o'clock to-night in the auditorium of the John Marshall High School Building, while the first meeting of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education will be held in the Jefferson Hotel auditorium on Wednesday afternoon.

RICHMOND SURVEY TO BE DISCUSSED ON THURSDAY

One of the most important sessions of the meetings will be on Thursday, when the Richmond survey will be reported, and various recommendations discussed. Delegates to both conventions will attend the banquet at the Jefferson Hotel on Thursday night. Governor Henry C. Stuart will preside, and brief speeches will be made, among others, by Mayor George Ainslie, Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield, Samuel Gompers, Laura Drake Gill and Royal Meeker.

A program of unusual interest has been arranged for the meetings. Among those who will have a prominent part in the sessions are: Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Dr. Leonard P. Ayres, of the Russell Sage Foundation; Arthur D. Dean, chief of the division of vocational schools, New York State Department; William M. Davidson, superintendent of schools, Pittsburgh; Royal Meeker, United States Commissioner of Labor Statistics; R. L. Richardson, inspector of technical education at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; David Spence Hall, of Richmond; and Edna Rich, head of the State Normal School, Santa Barbara, Cal.

A unique feature of the meetings, which promises to be interesting as well as enjoyable will be "Virginia Night," to be held at the John Marshall High School Building on Friday evening. Delegates to both of the conferences have been invited to attend. R. C. Stearnes, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will preside at the gathering. Brief speeches will be made by many of the prominent delegates attending.

CONDITION UNIMPROVED

Mrs. Virgie Randolph, Suffering From Severe Burns, Has Arm Amputated.

The condition of Mrs. Virgie Randolph, of Stauntonville, Albemarle County, was last night reported as being unimproved at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where she is a patient, suffering from burns received last Thursday when she fainted and fell into an open fireplace at her home. Dr. Horely found it necessary to amputate the left arm of the burned woman as a result of the injuries.

The Randolphs moved to Virginia about five years ago, when they purchased the old Coles place in Albemarle. Mr. Randolph is said to have been a banker in New York and Philadelphia before coming to Virginia, and is said to have spent about \$100,000 in improvements on his Virginia home.

Pennecaker Nearly Loses Finger. Moses Kerns, colored, 310 Turpin Street, was last night assaulted by another negro, said to have been Sam Carter, who is a member of the same crowd. John Smith, colored, endeavoring to act as peacemaker, and had one of his fingers nearly severed as a reward. Both of the injured men were treated by Ambulance Surgeon Stern. Carter has not been arrested up to an early hour this morning.

UNION MEN PREPARING TO FIGHT FRANCHISE

Will Oppose Outright Grant of Street Car Privileges, Unless Ratified by Voters.

COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Mass Meetings to Be Held in Each Section of City for Discussion of Problems of Transportation—Will Attend Council Meetings.

Delegates representing practically every branch of union labor in the city met yesterday afternoon in Labor Temple, Fifth and Marshall Streets, to perfect an organization to protect the interests of workmen in regard to the proposed blanket franchises which is sought by the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Opposition to an outright grant by the City Council was again registered, and committees carefully to follow the developments were appointed.

Organized labor is determined to protect its interests against the street railway company. Each of the unions representing the various trades has taken some action on the matter, and all had delegates at the meeting yesterday. Plans for financing the fight against the franchises were agreed upon.

It is not the intention of the workmen to watch the negotiations being conducted by the City Council and the representatives of the company, and will employ counsel to keep them informed on the legal phases of the situation. They will insist, after a tentative plan is reached, that the question be submitted to a vote of the people. One of the propositions being considered is to have a clause inserted in the franchise giving the city the right of taking over the property at any time in the future and operating it as a municipal utility.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

The meeting yesterday was called by R. B. Greenway, representing the Metal Trades' Alliance. Mr. Greenway was elected chairman of the united body and was authorized to appoint a committee of ten to attend all meetings of the Council at which the franchise would come up. The committee consists of: J. M. Wood, Machinists; W. A. Moran, Carpenters; S. J. Lambeth, Carpenters; E. D. Farmer, Machinists; J. H. Cavendish, Plumbers; W. A. Farmer, Patternmakers; J. L. Butler, Carpenters; J. A. York, Boilermakers; H. L. Williams, Painters.

Other committee chairmen are: B. L. Williams, hull committee; J. E. Reynolds, finance committee; R. B. Greenway, speakers and legal counsel committee; J. E. Baker, legislative committee; J. E. Reynolds, rules committee.

A committee known as wards committee was appointed to keep in touch with the members of the City Council. This committee is as follows: J. P. Critzer, J. A. Faircloth and J. H. Cavendish, ward; A. L. Shepherd, ward; W. A. Donahue and A. J. Hooker, Madison Ward; W. A. Farmer, J. N. Davis and P. W. Slodd, Fair Ward; J. M. P. Levy, C. Tyler and W. C. Crozier, Lee Ward.

Another meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when the various committees will get together. It is planned in the near future to have mass-meetings in each section of the city, to wind up with a general meeting at the City Auditorium.

MISS LATHROP TO SPEAK

Head of Children's Bureau Will Visit Richmond This Week.

Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the recently-created children's bureau of the Federal Department of Labor, will deliver an address on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Sunday school room of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to which the women of Richmond are invited.

Miss Lathrop is a woman of national prominence. For several years she was associated with Miss Jane Adams in her splendid work at Hull House, Chicago, and she has had a career of great usefulness and interest.

The meeting will be under the auspices of the Woman's Association of St. Paul's.

Words of Wisdom

"In Regard to Your Christmas Club, We Think This an Excellent Idea and Should Prove a Boon to All Who Take Advantage of It."

We received this communication from a large manufacturer of this city in reply to a letter setting forth our Christmas Thrift Club.

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RECOMMENDS SYSTEM OF SCHOOL LUNCHEES

Superintendent Chandler Will Bring Matter to Attention of City School Board.

WOULD SERVE FOOD AT COST

Recent Experiment at Jefferson School Shows Remarkable Results. Many Children Suffer From Malnutrition.

Practiced at the Jefferson School for three weeks as an experiment, the serving of midday lunches to pupils will be recommended to the School Board as a permanent institution by Superintendent of Schools J. A. C. Chandler. The board will hold its next meeting on December 15, at which time the plan will be brought to its attention.

"The idea is an excellent one," said Dr. Chandler, yesterday. "In my opinion, a midday luncheon in the schools is a necessity which can no longer be ignored. Wherever it has been tried it has fully demonstrated its value. The plan has the strong support of Chairman Ebel, of the School Board, and it is my purpose to recommend it to the board's Committee on Teachers and Schools at the next meeting."

"I do not think that the lunches should be served to the pupils free of cost, although I believe that by the practice followed in two schools in Nashville and, perhaps, other cities. The ideal arrangement, it seems to me, would be to standardize the service until the per cent lunch is reduced to one or three pennies, charging each pupil the actual cost of the food supplied. In that way the service would be self-sustaining, and would not become a drain upon the school treasury."

WOULD BEGIN IN SCHOOLS

"Perhaps, we might begin the system by introducing the midday lunch service in the two or three schools that appear to need it most. It could then be gradually extended to the other schools and be developed as a recognized school activity. Philadelphia has developed a good system along these lines, and so have Newark and Cleveland. Birmingham is endeavoring to do the same. The school board of the Jefferson School has adopted the plan of the Jefferson School, which has made a beginning in this field."

A report on the experiment, conducted for three weeks at Jefferson School, was submitted to Dr. Chandler by Principal W. C. Blakey, of that school, last week. The expense of the experiment was borne by a group of public-spirited citizens interested in bringing to the attention of the School Board, among those who contributed supplies, equipment and money were: J. H. Jones, of the Southern Store, and the Richmond Broom Company, and the Richmond Dairy.

At the Jefferson School the authorized 161 pupils daily, for twenty days, at a cost of \$2.7 a day. The average cost of each meal was 2 4/10 cents. According to Dr. N. T. Ennett, medical inspector of the Richmond Public Schools, and the teachers of Jefferson School, the midday lunch service at this school caused a marked improvement in deportment, physical condition and scholarship.

MANY CHILDREN SHOW SIGNS OF MALNUTRITION

Of 220 children recently examined at one of the local schools, twenty-six, or 33 per cent, showed signs of malnutrition. While this per cent of malnutrition was not caused entirely by underfeeding, it was one of the causes. Advocates of the school lunch idea point to the fact that 20 per cent of the families do not provide their children with lunches, while the larger per cent provide lunches insufficient in quantity and poor in quality.

Legislation in regard to the provision of school meals is national and international in scope. Holland, Denmark, England and Bavaria. It is national and compulsory in Switzerland, France and Scotland. It is the subject of extensive municipal legislation in Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Austria and Belgium.

In the United States, five years ago, there were four cities with school lunch experiments under way. In 1912 there were twenty cities in this country providing lunches in the regular elementary schools, the school board in nearly every case assuming at least a part of the responsibility.

MANY CITIES AID IN SUPPLYING LUNCHEES

In New York the Board of Education supplies the room, equipment and gas, the cost of the food and service being met by the sale of meal tickets. Philadelphia serves lunches in ten schools under the direction of the Home and School League. In all the Philadelphia schools the lunches are paid for by the children, the prices ranging from 1 cent to 5 cents.

Boston has twenty-two schools which serve lunches to the pupils. The school board allows \$200 to each school for equipment, and the children pay for the meals. In domestic science centres it is found that 1 cent covers the cost of service and food, with 2 cents as the outside price.

Cincinnati has a number of schools equipped with 1 cent lunch counters, serving also 3-cent meals. All expenses except the cost of equipment are met by the sale of lunch tickets. St. Louis has an extensive system of 3-cent lunches.

RETURNING TO THE COLORS

Exodus of Japanese From Honolulu Regarded as Noteworthy.

HONOLULU, T. H., December 6.—An exodus of Japanese has begun to assume noteworthy proportions here. Thousands of veterans of the Russo-Japanese War are preparing to return to the colors.

Word has reached them that they may expect to see service with their allies, the British, in Egypt, Africa and India.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES VOTE TO CONSOLIDATE

Grace Street and Church of Covenant Pass on Merger Plans.

WILL ERECT NEW BUILDING

Only Point Now at Issue Is Selection of Name—Simultaneous Meetings Are Harmonious and Show Earnest Purpose for Enlarged Work.

Congregations of Grace Street Presbyterian Church and the Church of the Covenant voted favorably yesterday on the merger of the two churches. The votes were taken at simultaneous meetings held in the respective churches after the morning service. The plan of consolidation, as reported by the official bodies of the churches, was adopted as follows: Grace Street, 82 to 17; Church of Covenant, 145 to 18.

Only one hitch developed in either church, and that occurred at Grace Street Presbyterian Church, which failed to adopt the article of agreement regarding the name of the consolidated church. The joint committee had proposed as the name, the Church of the Covenant. The older congregation objected to the surrender of its name, and struck that part of the agreement out. A committee of four was appointed to confer with a like committee from the other congregation upon another name. The recommendation of the joint committee will then be reported back to the sessions of the churches for adoption.

PLAN OF CONSOLIDATION MUST BE RATIFIED BY PRESBYTERY

The resolutions passed yesterday were prepared by the joint official bodies of the two churches. An elaborate plan of consolidation has been outlined. It set forth the various articles of agreement, which become effective through the vote of the congregation. If ratified by East Hanover Presbytery, a copy of the plan had been printed and sent to every member of the two congregations in order that they could vote intelligently upon the proposition. Little opposition arose in either church. The older members of Grace Street Church objected to the adoption of the name of the younger church, and their objection was sustained. At the Church of the Covenant, which had adopted with little discussion and without change. This congregation adjourned until next Sunday, when the minor differences will be settled definitely.

Under the terms of the plan of consolidation, Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Covenant, will become pastor of the united congregation. All officers of the two churches will be retained as officers of the united church. The property of both will be controlled by four trustees from each congregation.

MERGER MEANS ERECTION

The plan of merger will now be submitted to East Hanover Presbytery for approval. When that body sanctions the consolidation, a building committee of eight, four from each congregation, will be appointed to select a new site upon which to erect a house of worship. The committee will be restricted in its selection to property between Harrison Street on the east and Lee Circle on the west. The property now owned by the Church of the Covenant will be sold and the proceeds, together with the money received by Grace Street Church through the sale of the property two years ago, will be used in the purchase of a site and the cost of the new building.

Under the terms of the agreement, the merger will not be effective until April 1, 1915. In the interim, the two congregations will continue to administer their affairs as at present. All business and financial affairs after that time are to be conducted by the joint official body.

COMMITTEE TO CONFER AS TO NAME OF CHURCH

Rev. C. E. Caldwell, D. D., acted as moderator at the meeting of the Grace Street congregation, and B. C. Wherry acted as clerk. Among those who spoke on the question were George Bryan, William H. Miller, John M. Price, Robert A. Lancaster, Jr., T. C. Diggs and others. A committee to confer with a like committee from the Church of the Covenant on a name for the united congregation consists of William R. Miller, John M. Price, J. Scott Parrish and Kent Hawley. The committee will suggest Grace Presbyterian Church as the name.

At the Church of the Covenant, Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., acted as moderator and R. H. Gilliam as clerk. There was very little discussion of the question, and it was put to an early and successful vote.

Each of the two churches has about 450 members. Grace Street Presbyterian Church in 1905, after years ago disposed of its property at the corner of Fourth and Grace Streets, for \$55,000. With the money on hand from the sale of one church and the money to be donated from the sale of the other, a handsome and adequate house of worship, it is believed, can be erected, possibly on the old Richmond College campus or at Lee Circle.

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